bring forward a legislation on assisted reproductive technique to help the issueless couples to have their progeny;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether the legal, medical, moral, social and psychological aspects of having children with artificial methods have been carefully considered and necessary care provided for in the draft legislation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when, the new law is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (d) There is no proposal to bring forward a legislation on assisted reproductive technologies.

Persons affected by Sardar Sarovar Project

*499. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for amending the SC/ST list of Gujarat for accommodating the persons affected by Sardar Sarovar Project who came from Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra has been pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when Government would finally modify the list so that project affected persons begin to get the benefits meant for SCs/STs in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) A proposal for amending the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for Gujarat to meet the need of the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) of Sardar Sarovar Project from Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra has been processed as per modalities approved by Government. The Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2002, on the subject was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 08.03.2002. A notice for consideration and passing of the said Bill in Lok Sabha has been given on 18.03.2002. The amendment will be given effect to as soon as the Bill is passed by the Parliament.